

TOURISM AND SERVICE SIGNS

**1. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

I know the area the subject of the previous question pretty well. I could answer the question for the parliamentary secretary.

The PRESIDENT: I thank the member for his offer, but we might just proceed with the next question rather than the answer.

Hon BARRY HOUSE: My question is -

- (1) Will the minister table copies of -  
    Australian standard 1742.6;  
    Main Roads Western Australia's guidelines for service and tourism signs; and  
    the tourism signs catalogue issued by the Western Australian Tourism Commission  
    referred to in the answer to the question I asked on Tuesday, 1 June 2004?
- (2) If not, why not?

**Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Copies of the requested documents are presented for tabling, although I am more than happy to read them to the member if he so desires. It should be kept in mind that these documents are guidelines to assist in the assessment of particular sites. The minister understands that the honourable member's specific concerns relate to signing practices on Caves Road and Bussell Highway in the cape-to-cape wine region.

As indicated in the response to the member's question on 1 June 2004, a general limit of five individual facility names is being applied in this area. This is the maximum number of signs that a driver is reasonably able to notice, read and comprehend at any one location. This approach to signing in the area has been the result of close liaison with local governments, tourist bureaus, the Western Australian Tourism Commission and other stakeholders. As a result, a number of signs on Caves Road and Bussell Highway have been removed in the interests of road safety when the quantity of information on directional signs is greater than what a driver can realistically comprehend without slowing down, stopping or parking at an intersection on a high-speed road and thereby creating a hazard for other road users. The current practice of allowing up to five signs at any one intersection and installing high-standard information bays where the number is exceeded is considered to provide a reasonable balance between the commercial and attraction needs of local businesses and the need to ensure an appropriate level of safety for all road users.

- (2) Not applicable.

[See paper No 2289.]